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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MOZAMBIQUE PRESS REACTION TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF
INTERNAL SETTLEMENT

1. NTOCIAS JANUARY 16 CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ON INTERNAL SETTLEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT. ARTICLE, WHILE CRITICAL OF THREE INTERNAL BLACK NATIONALISTS, URGES U.S. AND UK TO PRESS ON WITH THEIR EFFORTS TO UNSEAT SMITH. GPRM HAS NOT ISSUED ANY STATEMENTS ON SETTLEMENT. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF ARTICLE:

BEGIN TEXT:

"AFTER TWO MONTHS OF DISCUSSIONS - WITH CONSTANT DIVERGENCES AND BOMBASTIC STATEMENTS IN THE CORRIDORS - THE CHIEF OF THE ILLEGAL RHODESIAN REGIME AND THE THREE ZIMBABWEANS ALREADY CONSIDERED TRAITORS TO THEIR PEOPLE - ABEL MUZOREWA, NDABANINGI SITHOLE (REPRESENTED BY ELLIOT GABELLAH) AND JEREMIAH CHIRAU -
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APPEAR TO HAVE REACHED THE MUCH TALKED ABOUT "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT" WHICH WILL DELAY THE TRUE INDEPENDENCE OF THE COLONY AND COMMIT THE LATEST ACT OF TREASON AGAINST THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE. IN A RACE AGAINST TIME AND, ABOVE ALL, AGAINST THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION, THE FOUR MET IN SALISBURY AND SIGNED A PLAN IN WHICH, AS THEY SAID, THEY MANAGED TO OVERCOME THE DIFFERENCES THAT AROSE OVER THE REPRESENTATION OF SETTLERS IN A HYPOTHETICAL

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AND AFFIRMED THAT THEY ARE "VERY CLOSE" TO FORMING A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING "INDEPENDENCE" FOR THE COLONY.

THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH DOES NOT SURPRISE ANY OBSERVERS OF THE SOUTHERN RHODESIA SITUATION, THUS BECOMES MORE THAN LIKELY THE LAST EFFORT TO RETARD THE FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. GIVEN THAT IT IS MORE THAN CERTAIN THAT SMITH'S TERRORIST TROOPS WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN SUPPORT OF HIM AND THE THREE TRAITORS, THE INTENSIFICATION OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE WILL BE A FACT, REINFORCED FURTHER BY THE PARTISAN UNITY OF THE TWO INTEGRATED WINGS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

ON THIS MATTER -- ALTHOUGH THE LAST WORD RESTS WITH THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE -- IT IS HOPED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IN LONDON, AS WELL AS THE ONE IN WASHINGTON, AS SPONSORS OF THE PROPOSALS ON RHODESIA AND, IN THE CASE OF THE FORMER, AS THE COLONIAL POWER, (WILL) ACCELERATE THE NECESSARY MECHANISM SO THAT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TRUE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE, THEY CAN FINALLY REMOVE THE REBEL SMITH AND WITH HIM THE LACKEYS WHO MAKE PACTS WITH THE SETTLERS.

HOWEVER, IT IS WORTH REMEMBERING THAT, ALTHOUGH LONDON AND WASHINGTON HAVE DEFENDED THE IDEA THAT THE WAR WILL CONTINUE, UNLESS THE PATRIOTIC FRONT - THE ONLY ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU - ENTERS INTO FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS UNCLASSIFIED

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OF BOTH THESE COUNTRIES HAVE STATED THAT, IN CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AN "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT" ARRIVED AT IN SALISBURY COULD OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF OTHER COUNTRIES. THESE WILL BE, IN THE FIRST PLACE, GOVERNMENTS WITH NEOCOLONIAL TENDENCIES OR THOSE THAT WANT TO MAINTAIN AN ECONOMIC PRESENCE IN THE TERRITORY, TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE PEOPLE. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS ALREADY CONFIRMED THAT, REGARDLESS OF WHO IS IN THE GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE, BECAUSE IT (THE STRUGGLE) IS NOT BEING WAGED TO REPLACE WHITES BY BLACKS, BUT TO PUT AN END TO OPPRESSION AND EXPLOITATION.

BUT IN SALISBURY, THE PROBLEM HAS NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED, DESPITE THE STATEMENTS OF ALL THE PARTICIPANTS GIVEN TO SUR THIS FACT. APPARENTLY DIFFERENCES EXISTED CONCERNING THE NUMBER AND PROCESS FOR ELECTING THE WHITE PARLIAMENTARIANS, BUT THIS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SETTLED, BECAUSE THERE WILL BE 28 MEMBERS, JUST AS SMITH WISHED.

HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE OBSERVERS, THE TRUE PROBLEM IS THE DURATION OF THE FUTURE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT PRECEDING THE "INDEPENDENCE", GIVEN THAT, WHILE SMITH HOPES THAT IT WILL BE TWO YEARS, THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKING THAT IT BE TERMINATED

BY THE END OF THE YEAR, AT THE LATEST. UNTIL THEN, THERE MAY BE
MUCH TO COMMENT UPON.

ALREADY, THE SETTLERS HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE THREE TRAITORS AN ASSURANCE THAT THEIR PRIVILEGES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED, SINCE, ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT PLAN, FOR A DECADE IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ALTER ALL THE GUARANTEES AGREED TO -- THE SO-CALLED "CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES" -- WITHOUT THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTES OF TWO THIRDS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY MEMBERS."
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